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Jim Naugle

City Commission

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New Commission, New Needs To Address

On March 4 I had the pleasure of presenting the 21st Annual State of the City Address at the City's new Fire Administration Building on NW 2 Street and NW 6 Avenue. During the address I mentioned the priorities for our newly elected City Commission to consider including public safety needs, reviewing development capacity of our fragile Barrier Island and protecting public lands.

Your City Commission has been discussing the needs for constructing a new police station and replacing and repairing existing fire stations. Our police station was built in 1952 when we had far fewer employees than the 514 sworn and 270 support personnel in our police department. We need a new facility to meet the needs of our City in the future. Over the last 92 years our fire department has grown from a small volunteer force to a staff of 412 sworn personnel and civilian

staff operating from 13 stations and one administration office. With new code requirements, needs due to Homeland Security issues, and larger more sophisticated fire and rescue equipment, some of our stations are inadequate. In the near future your City Commission will consider a Public Safety bond issue to address these needs.

A recent study done by Broward County revealed that the county land use plan could allow a 50% increase in dwelling units on our fragile Barrier Island (the area east of the Intracoastal Waterway). With the need for hurricane evacuation, traffic concerns and the limited access of our causeways, I am asking the City Commission to consider further limiting the number of dwelling units that can be built on the Barrier Island, while protecting property rights of existing owners on this environmentally sensitive

area of our City.

As our City grows in population, so does the need for maintaining adequate parkland. Most of our parkland is not protected by deed restrictions, and could be sold by a future City Commission. As land values increase dramatically in our City I see the need to restrict the sale or lease of public lands without voter approval. This can be accomplished by a vote of our citizens in a future election. The ordinance would require future City Commissions to get voter approval for sale or lease of public lands.

I will be discussing these items with the City Commission in the next year and would appreciate your thoughts and ideas on these and other matters concerning our City. The State of our City is strong and, with your help, we will maintain and enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

Celebrate Earth Day With April Events

The City of Fort Lauderdale will celebrate Earth Day with a special display at City Hall and an Earth Day Festival in partnership with Broward County.

The City Hall lobby, located at 100 N. Andrews Ave, will set the stage for a monthlong exhibit beginning Monday, April 21, submitted by local schools in honor of Earth Day. The exhibit will feature student entries from the Broward County Earth Day Festival at Quiet Water Park in Deerfield Beach on Saturday,

April 19. Quiet Waters Park is located at 401 S. Powerline Rd. (one and a half miles west of I-95 between S.W. 10th Street and Hillsboro Boulevard.

The festival will take place from noon to dusk. Park entry fee is \$1 per person or \$5 per car. Children under 5 years of age admitted free. Activities scheduled include the City of Fort Lauderdale Children's Recycling Fair; Flamingo Gardens Wildlife Encounter; free Mercury thermometer exchange; a free

recycled paint and free tree give-away; a Walk for Wildlife from 10 a.m. - 11:30a.m. with registration starting at 8:30 a.m; live music; prizes and appearances by radio stations like Radio Disney; Earth-friendly food and refreshments and more.

For more information on the City's Earth Day activities, please call Casey Eckels at (954) 828-5577. For more information about the Earth Day Festival, logon to www.broward.org/iwi03800.

Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov

City Manager's Message



Floyd T. Johnson

New City Website Combines Form, Function

We live in a society where the Internet has generated tremendous improvements in efficiency and customer service. People use the Internet to acquire goods and services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Municipalities, too, have found the benefits of what's recognized as e-government (Electronic government).

E-government is the use of the Internet to allow citizens to interact with government agencies and to promote City efficiency. Most importantly, e-government makes it possible for the user to find information and access services at a time that is convenient. This cost effective tool enhances customer service and responsiveness.

Fort Lauderdale Online has been in existence since 1995 and has served as a

great source of information for Internet users. Among some of the more popular resources that have been available to Internet users are access to City event information, live Commission broadcasts, advisory board and Commission meeting agendas and minutes, employment opportunities and more.

Through the years, the City has dedicated many efforts to increasing the services that citizens can access online. To continue meeting and exceeding the needs of citizens, more website enhancements have emerged.

In March, the official City of Fort Lauderdale website was re-launched with a new look and a series of new functions. The objective of the site is to provide more online services and improve organization of the City's information.

During the redesign, much emphasis was placed on the site's architecture. For example, the address has been changed to www.fortlauderdale.gov. The website was also redesigned with an enhanced navigation system that allows website visitors to access information directly through a site search tool and maintains a consistent style. New and existing functions include payment of parking tickets online; scheduling of a building inspection; monitoring of the status of a permit and more. For more details see page 13.

The redesign of Fort Lauderdale's website marks both a technological and service milestone for our City and our citizens. I encourage citizens to log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov and explore the many new and improved functions and services available at their fingertips.

City To Recognize 2002's Best Community Enhancements

Don't miss Fort Lauderdale's best exhibit of community pride through exceptional aesthetic enhancements to property. The 25th Annual Community Appearance Awards will take place on May 8 at the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale. A cocktail reception will begin at 6 pm. followed by the awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

Property owners, civic groups, homeowner associations, contractors, builders and architects who submitted new construction and renovation projects will vie for a bronze plaque and the title of Community Appearance Award

Winner. Presented each year by the City Commission and the Community Appearance Board, the Community Appearance Awards recognize projects in a variety of categories that include institutional, parks and recreation, commercial, multifamily residential, single family residential, landscape/garden, special projects and retail.

Ticket prices for the event are \$20 when purchased in advance and \$25 if purchased at the night of the event. For additional information or to become a sponsor for the awards program, please call (954) 828-4741.



Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov

New City Commission Takes Office

A new City Commission was sworn in for a three-year term last month during an installation ceremony on March 18 at City Hall.



**Mayor
Jim Naugle**

After a primary election on February 11, followed by the March 11 runoff election, ballot results voted into office **Mayor Jim Naugle**, and Commissioners **Christine Teel** to District I, **Dean J. Trantalis** to District II, **Carlton B. Moore** to District III and **Cindi Hutchinson** to District IV.

Jim Naugle was first elected Mayor of Fort Lauderdale in February 1991 and re-elected by voters to serve for a fifth term this election year. Prior to that, he served on various City Boards since 1976 and was elected to a Commission seat in 1985. Some of his past and current civic activities include serving as Past President of the Florida League of Cities; Chair of Federal Action Strike Team (FAST); Past Board of Directors Member for the National League of Cities; and Past Chairman of the Marine Task Force for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.



**Christine Teel,
District I
Commissioner**

Christine Teel will serve as the District I Commissioner. A resident of District I since 1972, Commissioner Teel served as President of the Sunrise Intracoastal Homeowners Association for eight years. She currently serves on the Broward County Partnership for the Homeless Advisory Board and the Council of Civic Associations. Past affiliations include serving on the City's Marine Advisory Board (1997-2001); the City's Board of Adjustment (2001-2002) and serving as liaison to the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee (1999-2001).



**Dean J. Trantalis
District II
Commissioner**

Dean J. Trantalis was elected to serve as District II Commissioner. His political, community and civic service has spanned more than 12 years, serving groups including Broward United Against Discrimination, Americans For Equality, the Dolphin Democratic Club, CenterOne (AIDS Project Florida), and the Board of Governors for the Human Rights Campaign. He has also served as president, vice president and board member of the Portside Yacht Club Condominium Association. His City Advisory Board experience includes the Citizen Review Board, where he served for five years (two years as chair).



**Carlton B. Moore
District III
Commissioner**

Carlton B. Moore was re-elected as Commissioner for District III where he has served since 1988. Moore was appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles to serve on the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. He has served as the President of the Metropolitan YMCA, The Broward Commission on Substance Abuse, the NAACP and the Broward League of Cities. He is presently a member of the National League of Cities' Information Technology and Communications Committee and the South Florida Regional Planning Council.



**Cindi Hutchinson
District IV
Commissioner**

Cindi Hutchinson was re-elected to District IV for a second term. She was selected to serve as Vice Mayor for 2001-2002. Commissioner Hutchinson currently serves as City Commission liaison to the Downtown Development Authority and is also a member of the Downtown Council Steering Committee, the Broward County Airport Task Force and a member of the Community Relations Council of Broward General Hospital. She initiated the State Road 84 Design Charrette and recently helped secure a \$500,000 enhancement state grant for State Road 84.

City To Chlorinate Water System April 19 - May 3



The City of Fort Lauderdale maintains the highest quality standards to ensure clean, drinking water is delivered to our customers. The Public Services Department will temporarily return to using free chlorine as part of its ongoing yearly maintenance activities. This temporary treatment of the water system will take place from Saturday April 19, beginning at midnight, through Saturday, May 3rd. The chlorination of the water system is common practice for water suppliers that use a combined chlorine (chloramine) water treatment method. This procedure will be transparent to the majority of our customers, however, some individuals may notice a slight change in the taste of the water or a change in the odor of the tap water during this time. Aquarium owners, pet shops, and dialysis centers should exercise care due to their specific requirements. For more information regarding the free chlorination of the City of Fort Lauderdale's water treatment system, please call the City's 24-hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000.

Notice of Full Cost of Solid Waste Management

In accordance with Florida Department of Environmental Regulation Rule No. 17-708, the following is the average cost of solid waste collection and disposal services to a residential or commercial customer for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

Administrative Cost	\$ 46.13
Wingate Remediation Cost	\$ 16.56
Direct Costs:	
Collection	\$ 198.45
Disposal	\$ 207.10
Recycling	\$ 16.80
Total Direct Costs	\$ 422.35
Total Sanitation Cost	\$ 485.04

Fire-Rescue Marks Start of Daylight Savings Time With Free Battery Giveaway

April 6 marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time and for the City of Fort Lauderdale it is a reminder for citizens to install new batteries in their smoke alarms.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department urges residents to make this lifesaving change when adjusting their clocks to Daylight Savings Time.

To promote fire safety and the importance of a properly working smoke alarm, the Fire-Rescue Department will give away free Energizer 9-volt smoke alarm batteries to Fort Lauderdale residents through April 30, 2003. Energizer

donated the batteries for the giveaway to the Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department, in partnership with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFF). To obtain free smoke alarm batteries, City of Fort Lauderdale residents may call (954) 828-4754 and provide the following information: first and last name, address, including zip code, area code and phone number, and the number of smoke alarms in their home. The batteries will be mailed along with educational information on planning a Home Fire Escape Plan. The free batteries are only available to Fort Lauderdale

residents and there will only be one mailing per household.

"The most common cause of a failing smoke alarm is a missing, dead or disconnected battery," said **Jorge Mederos**, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Community Education Coordinator. "A working smoke alarm can reduce the risk of death in a home fire by approximately 50 percent, but of the more than 90 percent of homes that have them, it is estimated that one-third of them don't work because of worn or missing batteries. Properly working smoke alarms provide an early warning of a fire and time to escape."



Fire-Rescue To Offer Free CERT Class Beginning April 23

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. Public safety professionals and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away.

Don't miss the next installment of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program - a free, seven-week course beginning April 23 that provides

residents with basic training in emergency preparedness, disaster survival and rescue skills. CERT graduates are assigned to teams throughout the City where they play an important role in community safety as well as with assisting Fire-Rescue personnel in the event of a major disaster.

Learned skills will be invaluable to you, your family and your community in

the event of a major disaster. CERT topics covered include Disaster Preparation; Basic First Aid; Disaster Medical Operations; CERT Team Organization; Medical Scenarios and Mobilizing CERT Teams When Disaster Strikes; Search and Rescue Operations and Safety Precautions; and Basic Fire Suppression. To register, please call **(954) 828-3616**.

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Safely At Free Event

A free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event has been scheduled for Sunday, April 13th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heliport Lot located at 101 N. Andrews Ave.



The event is open to all Broward County residents with proof of residency and there is no charge to drop off a variety of materials.

Acceptable HHW items include: pesticides, tires, gas cylinders, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, paints, thinners and strippers, automobile batteries, mercury and rechargeable batteries, used oil,

lawn and pool chemicals, oven and drain cleaners, other household cleaners, propane tanks and fire extinguishers. Do not bring explosives, bio-hazardous/medical waste, and business-generated waste.

Acceptable electronics items include: televisions, computers, fax machines, printers, modems, telephones, cellular phones, copy machines. Do not bring audio equipment, appliances, DVDs, VCRs, toys and garbage.

Last year's event generated a total of 34,715 pounds of household hazardous waste and electronic materials dropped off by residents.

If you are unable to attend the special collection event on April 13, you are encouraged to drop off items at no charge at one of the following collection sites open every Saturday from 8 a.m.

until 3 p.m. Proof of residency will be required.

The drop-off sites are:

- * Pompano (2780 N. Powerline Rd),
- * Hollywood (5601 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd.),
- * Davie (5490 Reese Rd).

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Special Collection event contact Monique Damiano, City of Fort Lauderdale Public Information Specialist, at **(954) 828-4743**. For more information about Broward County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling programs, please call the Hotline, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at **(954) 765-4999**, send an e-mail to **recycle&recover@broward.org** or visit the website at **www.broward.org/oivm**.



NCIP/NCIGP Grant Cycle Kicks Off May 1st

Have a neighborhood project in mind that seems too expensive for your association to tackle? Then let the City of Fort Lauderdale Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) help turn your neighborhood dream project into a reality.

Since 1993/94, the City of Fort Lauderdale NCIP has funded over 100 projects that included decorative street furniture, playground equipment for neighborhood parks, entranceway markers/monuments, traffic roundabouts and more. This year, neighborhood associations, within the City boundaries, may apply for up to \$35,000 of matching funds for a variety of neighborhood capital improvement projects. In order to qualify, neighborhood or homeowner's associations must apply and meet minimum requirements. Applications for the 2003/2004 NCIP will be accepted May 1st through 5 p.m. on July 31. Two pre-application workshops are planned for May 7th and 8th, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Beach Community Center, 3351 NE 33rd Ave. The center is located two blocks north of Oakland Park Boulevard and one block west of A1A. All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the orientation workshops for program and grant details.

Two Technical Assistance Workshops are also scheduled for May 14 and 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Beach Community Center. The technical assistance workshop will provide applicants with an opportunity to meet with City Engineering and Architecture staff to explore possible projects, provide guidance on cost estimates, and discuss specific project details.

In the meantime, put on your thinking caps and begin planning for the next NCIP/NCIGP grant cycle by meeting with members of your association to brainstorm and determine what type of project your community would like to see come to fruition in the next year. Ensure your corporation status with the State of Florida is current and active by logging on to www.sunbiz.org. Talk to licensed contractors and obtain bids for your project proposal. This will give you a better idea of how much funding will be needed for the project and how much to request. Finally, Explore possible project sites and arrange to meet with the NCIP team for confirmation of location feasibility.

For an application or more information on NCIP/NCIGP, contact Marisol Lotito, NCIP Program Manager, at (954) 828-8954 or via email (MarisolL@ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us). Applications may also be downloaded from the City's website: www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods

Third Residential Project Breaks Ground In CRA

The City of Fort Lauderdale's CRA and Bank of America broke ground on a new \$5 million residential development that will make up to 50 affordable single-family homes and up to 14 townhomes available in the Sweeting Estates neighborhood of northwest Fort Lauderdale.

Single family homes in Sweeting Estates will range from \$120,000 for a 1,300 square-foot home with three bedrooms and two and a half baths to \$135,000 for a 1,600 square-foot home with four bedrooms and two and a half baths.

Construction is expected to begin soon with model homes anticipated to be available in September 2003 according to Bank of America.



Shown above is an architectural rendering of a single family home model proposed for the Sweeting Area.

Plans for the River Gardens Townhomes will offer two and three bedroom townhomes. No construction date has been set at this time and starting prices are still under review.

The Sweeting Estates project comes at a time where Bank of America and the City of Fort Lauderdale's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) plan to capitalize on an emerging trend: residents' desire to reduce commuting time by living and working in an urban environment. The project is part of the CRA's strategy to revitalize the economically depressed areas in and around downtown Fort Lauderdale by providing a variety of residential housing opportunities.

As a result, Sweeting Estates is the third City-sponsored residential development to begin construction in northwest Fort Lauderdale in the last three months. Sweeting Estates will be built through Bank of America's Community Development Corporation (CDC). The CRA will provide Bank of America with \$1.5 million for infrastructure improvements and \$435,000 in development assistance. The bank is partnering with New Visions CDC, a local community development corporation, to provide sales and marketing support, as well as home ownership education to prospective Sweeting Estates homeowners.

For information on Sweeting Estates call New Visions CDC at (954) 768-0963. For information on other CRA projects, call (954) 828-4514 or log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov.



Above: A view of the River Gardens Sweeting Townhomes.



For Crazee Information, call the
Crazee Crawfish Hotline at
(954) 828-5934

Festival Hours:

Thursday, May 8 **Friday, May 9**
7 p.m. - 11 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
(free sneak preview)

Saturday, May 10 **Sunday, May 11**
11 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Admission:

One Day Pass **Two-Day Pass**
Advance: \$15/Gate: \$20 **Advance: \$23/ Gate:\$30**

Three Day Pass
Advance: \$28/Gate: \$40

Children 12 and under are FREE.

Let's get *Crazee!* Mark your social calendar now for the 11th Annual Cajun/Zydeco Crawfish Festival that's set to take place May 8 - 11. This world-class, family-oriented event will keep even the little ones entertained.

Set at the Fort Lauderdale Festival Grounds, the Cajun/Zydeco Crawfish Festival features authentic Louisiana style Cajun/Creole cuisine, bands from around the U.S. as well as local artists rooted in the Cajun & Zydeco tradition and four wooden dance floors for those who opt to learn a few new steps.

This fun-filled weekend offers an abundance of music on five stages, a history/cultural workshop area, an acoustic stage, Crawfish eating contests, watermelon sacrifices and a variety of family activities.

Known for its 35,000 pounds of live crawfish and plenty of hot n' spicy foods, attendees will have a wide variety of their favorite foods to choose. The main stage bistro will feature cajun ribs, bayou blackened dolphin, creole chick peas with pasta, tomato & basil fused rice, crayfish beignets and much more.

If you think you have that perfect spicy recipe that will make the judges come back for seconds, then contact the Parks and Recreation Department, City Festivals Office at **(954) 828-6621** or visit the City's website at **www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals**, to register for the 4th Annual Gumbo Cookoff.

The Fort Lauderdale Festival Grounds, located at 1201 NW 55th Street, provides ample parking at no cost.



Main Stage
Friday, May 9th
6 p.m. Dance lessons
7 p.m. Beausoleil
8:30 p.m. Dance lessons
9:30 p.m. Terrance Simien
Saturday, May 10th
11 a.m. Dance lessons
12 p.m. Willis Prudhomme & Zydeco Express
1 p.m. Dance lessons
2 p.m. Sean Vidrine & Swampfire
3:30 p.m. Dance lessons
4:30 p.m. MOJO & the Bayou Gypsies
6 p.m. Dance lessons
7 p.m. Savoy Family Band
8:30 p.m. Dance lessons
9:30 p.m. Chubby Carrier & the Bayou Swamp Band
Sunday, May 11th
12 p.m. Dance lessons
1 p.m. Tom Rigney & Flambeau
2:30 p.m. Dance lessons
3:30 p.m. Geno Delafosse
5 p.m. Dance lessons
6 p.m. Steve Riley

This is a partial schedule. For a complete listing, please visit fortlauderdale.gov/festivals.

Bayou Corner
Friday, May 9th
7 p.m. Broadening the Tradition
9:30 p.m. Texas Zydeco Workshop
Saturday, May 10th
12 p.m. Making Zydeco a Grammy Category by Cynthia Simien
2 p.m. Savoy Family Band
4:30 p.m. Chubby Carrier
7 p.m. Mr. Mojo Frottoir and the Smithsonian
9:30 p.m. The Legend of a 1912 Kidnapping
Sunday, May 11th
1 p.m. Geno Delafosse
3:30 p.m. Marc Savoy



Back Woods Acoustic Stage
Friday, May 9th
6 p.m. Marce Lacouture & Friends
8:30 p.m. Dora's Accordion Workshop
Saturday, May 10th
1 p.m. Fiddle Workshop
3:30 p.m. Red Stick Ramblers
6 p.m. Willis Prudhomme
8:30 p.m. Steve Riley & Friends
Sunday, May 11th
12 p.m. Veillee
2:30 p.m. Keith Frank
5 p.m. The Nouveau String Band with Marce Lacouture



City Link
Crazee Crawfish Stage
Friday, May 9th
6 p.m. Porchdogs
7 p.m. Crawfish eating contest
8 p.m. Red Stick Ramblers
Saturday, May 10th
1 p.m. Children's dance lessons
2 p.m. Kaleb Trahan
3 p.m. Crawfish eating contest
4 p.m. Magnolia Sisters
5 p.m. Children's watermelon sacrifice
6 p.m. Lil Brian & Zydeco Travelers
7 p.m. Crawfish eating contest
8 p.m. Brian Jack and the Zydeco Gamblers
Sunday, May 11th
12 p.m. Dora and the Zydeco Bad Boyz
1 p.m. Children's watermelon sacrifice
2 p.m. The Nouveau String Band with Marce Lacouture
3 p.m. Crawfish eating contest
4 p.m. Keith Frank and the Soileau Zydeco Band

Please note all acts are subject to change without prior notice.



Jimmy Evert Tennis Center Hosts Camps, Special Events

May is National USA Tennis Month and the City of Fort Lauderdale has several exciting and educational events planned.

Don't miss the Chris Evert Charities Tie-Break Tournament, hosted by the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center Advisory Board, on Saturday May 10. This Team Format consists of Round-Robin Super-Tiebreakers for players of all levels. Players may sign up as individuals and be placed on a team or a group may enter as a team. Sign up now for plenty of fun, food, prizes, and a chance to help those who in need. Call (954) 828-5378 for details.

On Friday, May 16th the USA Tennis Coaches Development Workshop will offer a one-day training course designed for high school students, camp counselors, physical education teachers and youth coaches. This comprehensive course will teach participants the skills needed to work with entry level tennis players in small to large group sizes. For registration details call **Whitney Kraft**, Jimmy Evert Tennis Center Director, at (954) 828-5379.

The Jimmy Evert Tennis Center plays host to the USTA National Open Clay Court Championships beginning Saturday May 24 through May 29. See the nation's top players in women's and men's singles and doubles with winners receiving wild-cards into professional circuit events. Come out and enjoy the matches.

Sing-Up For Spring Break Tennis & Sports Camp

The Spring Break Tennis and Sports Camp at the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center at Holiday Park will offer quality tennis instruction for all skill levels for ages 5 to 13 with drills, strategy, singles and doubles emphasized. Spring Break Camp is scheduled for April 14 - 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended care is available with early drop off as early as 7:30 a.m. and late pick up as late as 5:30 p.m. The camp fee is \$35 per day or \$125 for all five days.

For more information or to register call (954) 828-5378.



Spanish Classes

French Classes

Health & Fitness

Keyboard Classes For Adults & Children

Arts Classes For Children

Story Time Activities

Free Computer Lab

Computer Classes

And much, much more!

Beach Community Center Offers Classes, Activities For All Ages, All Year Round



Whether it is a toddler activity, a foreign language class or a free computer lab that you are looking for, the City of Fort Lauderdale Beach Community Center has it available throughout the year.

Located at 3351 NE 33rd Avenue, just west of A-1-A and north of Oakland Park Boulevard, the Beach Community Center enjoys a thriving partnership with Goodwill Industries and Imperial Point Medical Center that provides citizens with quality recreational activity throughout the year.

Since the opening of the Center, Goodwill Industries donated computers and instructors to provide the community with a variety of classes including computer basics; Windows 1, 2 and 3; Internet basics; word processing; e-mail workshops and web page design for a nominal fee. A free computer lab is also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If physical fitness, wellness or the healing arts is what you are looking for, then head for the Beach Community Center to sign up for any of the many classes, workshops and lectures provided by Imperial Point Medical Center. Body sculpting, yoga, chair yoga and Tai Chi/Qi Gong will help you melt away the pounds, tone your muscles and relax your mind and body for a healthier new you. Resident fees are \$6 per class or \$50 for 10 classes. Non-resident fees are \$6.25 per class or \$55 for 10 classes. Don't miss the free lectures on a variety of topics. Past topics have included how to prepare for surgery, relieving stress and anxiety and introduction to Feng Shui.

Need a little music? Then sign up for either an adult or children's keyboarding class. Adults and children will learn to read music, while developing keyboarding skills. Instruments and music materials are provided. Classes take place on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost of a four-week session is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Several sessions are available.

Don't miss the many summer camps available for kids at the center. The Little Artists Discover and Create program will provide children ages 5 to 11 with plenty of opportunities to explore and create with various art mediums. Registration begins May 12 through June 18 for two six-week sessions of Tuesday classes beginning June 24 through July 29. Class cost is \$3 per class. Other youth programs are available. Call for details. For information on these and other classes, times and other offerings, call the Beach Community Center at (954) 828-4610.

Three New Parks Bond Facilities Unveiled This Spring

Three new Parks Bond facilities will open just in time for spring, offering the community a new recreation center, a state-of-the-art park with nature preserve and two unique Roller Hockey Rinks.

On April 26 at 10 a.m., the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department will host an official grand opening of the Lauderdale Manors Recreation Center, located at 1340 Chateau Park Dr. On March 31, residents were given the opportunity to explore the facility and register early for programs. This spacious 5600 square foot recreation center features a mini-gym with a volleyball court, a basketball court, and a large movable partition to separate the mini-gym into two rooms for a variety of community uses. The recreation center will provide a variety of programming and events for children, teens and adults. This facility completes the last phase of a \$2.2 million construction project funded by the Parks Bond.



A grand opening of the Lauderdale Manors Recreation Center is set for April 26 at 10 a.m.



Featured above is Palm Aire Village Park's unique steel entryway, which leads visitors to a volleyball court and large pavilion. Featured below is the new playground.

Palm Aire Village Park

The construction of Palm Aire Village Park, located at 6401 NW 21st Avenue, was nearing completion at the end of March with plans for a grand opening on April 12 at 10 a.m. Located in the northwest corridor of the City sits five acres of land that has been transformed into a state-of-the-art park with a nature preserve that is the result of an extensive community involvement process and donated architectural services by Calvary Chapel. This park will feature two full court basketball courts, a large multi-purpose field, outdoor racquetball courts, volleyball courts and plenty of benches and picnic tables. In addition, the park



A view of one of two new roller hockey rinks at Holiday Park. The rinks are located behind the gym.

will include a uniquely designed pavilion, a magnificent playground, and a walking/jogging trail developed around one of the last Native Sand Pine communities in Broward County.

Roller Hockey Rink

The Holiday Park Roller Hockey Rinks, located adjacent to the gym, will open for play at the end of April. As the third addition to Holiday Park, located at Sunrise Boulevard and U.S.-1, the rinks are two permanent 185 foot by 85 foot structures complete with scoreboard and lighting for night-time games. They are scheduled to open in late April. At press time, no grand opening date had been finalized. For more information on these and other Parks Bond programs, call (954) 828-5823.

In Other Developments - Tree Canopy Enhancements Continue

Trees are an important asset to the City of Fort Lauderdale and its citizens. Since the passing of the 1996 Parks Bond, Fort Lauderdale has been planting trees with the help of its citizens. The goal of the Park Bond Tree Planting Program has been to plant a total of 2000 trees over a five-year period throughout the City. By the end of the summer, all 2000 trees will have been planted with the help of the community. In an effort to continue to expand the tree canopy, neighborhoods can continue to obtain free trees through the popular Adopt A Tree Program. To obtain a form, log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov and enter "Adopt A Tree" in the Search engine located on the right hand side of the homepage. Forms and information are also available by contacting **Gene Dempsey**, Urban Forester, at (954) 761-5785.



The Parks Bond Tree Giveaway program recently planted 15 Pigeon Plum trees in Dorsey Riverbend, as shown above.



New Homeland Security Website Introduced

WWW.Ready.Gov Aims To Strengthen National Security, Citizen Preparedness

The Department of Homeland Security has unveiled a new website, **www.Ready.Gov**, aimed at helping American families be better prepared for emergency scenarios.

"All Americans should begin a process of learning about potential threats so we are better prepared to react during an attack," said City of Fort Lauderdale Police Chief **Bruce Roberts**. "While there is no way to predict what will happen, or what your personal circumstances will be, there are simple things you can do now to prepare yourself and your loved ones."

Much of the information being distributed is not new. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's "Are



You Ready?" booklet has been available for a decade, and has been updated in the last few months to account for new realities. The American Red Cross has long provided emergency and preparedness information, even helping communities develop emergency kits.

However, **www.Ready.gov** makes all the information available in one place. Website information details how

people should respond before and after various types of terrorist strikes, with sections on such topics as "How To Make An Emergency Kit", "Basic Survival Needs", "Creating A Family Plan", "Deciding To Stay or Go", "At Work & School", "In a Moving Vehicle" and "In A High-Rise Building".

The site has been in development for more than a year, and it has been tested by focus groups in Baltimore and New York City.

While the site provides information for citizens, it does not provide "alerts" in the event of a threat. That information would come from other agencies, such as FEMA and your local law enforcement agencies.

Support Your Officers During Special Olympics Torch Run

The City Fort Lauderdale Police Department has partnered with the Special Olympics in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run on Tuesday, April 15.

This grass-roots fund raising program unites law enforcement, Special Olympics, and members of the community in one event. On April 15, law enforcement officers throughout Florida will raise funds for Special Olympics by guiding the torch through the state until it reaches its final destination. In 2002, this international program helped raise \$20.5 million to support Special Olympics programs.

Nearly 50 sworn City officers will participate by running a 12-mile leg expected to commence at 10:10 a.m. from the intersection of US-1 and Eller Drive, located just north of Griffin Road. The route will head north on US-1 to 17th Street, turn east



A look at last year's torch run.

toward the beach, cross the 17th Street Intracoastal Bridge to A-1-A (Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard). At this point, the route will proceed north on A-1-A to Sunrise Boulevard where it will head west to the Gateway intersection of US-1 and Sunrise Boulevard. From this point it will go north on US-1 until it reaches McNab Road where officers will then pass the torch to the corresponding agency.

Citizens are encouraged to cheer their officer along the marked route. Various sponsorship opportunities are available - sponsor a runner "adopt a Cop" for \$50, or be a "supporter" for \$25. Various levels of corporate sponsorships are available from \$100 to \$2,500. To make a donation, please call Major **Mary Schertler** at (954) 828-5479, or Broward County Special Olympics Coordinator Linda Mills at (954) 486-7464.

Haitian Outreach Workshops Planned

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Haitian Outreach Program has implemented a series of crime prevention workshops for the Haitian community.

The Haitian Refugee Victimization Grant, awarded by The Florida Department of Children and Families -- Office of Refugee Services, is sponsoring these workshops. Members of the Haitian community will have the opportunity to listen to presentations on topics such as crime prevention techniques and

code enforcement as well as answer questions from the community regarding neighborhood issues. Attendees also receive pertinent information that serves as a learning tool in acclimating to the community and the American way of life. Currently, workshops are held at locations including Fort Lauderdale High School, Northside Elementary School and Devine Mercy Catholic Church. During these workshops, Creole-speaking staff members are available to serve as translators. The



Code Enforcement team has conducted the most recent workshops.

For a schedule of upcoming workshops and dates, call the Haitian Hotline at (954)828-3336.

Police Map Out McDonald's Air & Sea Show Traffic Plan

City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department officials have mapped out a traffic plan designed to help motorists sail swiftly along streets while 2003 McDonald's Air & Sea Show soars along Fort Lauderdale Beach May 3 and 4. The show will extend along the beach, from Las Olas Boulevard to Oakland Park Boulevard. Prior to the event, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will release advisories to aid spectators in making their commuting arrangements more efficient and safe. Here are some travel tips:

Street Closures To Keep In Mind

A1A (Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard) will be closed to vehicular traffic at 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 28, from Sunrise Boulevard to the 1100 block of A1A and will reopen Monday night, May 5, at 11:59 p.m. A1A will be closed to vehicular traffic between Bayshore Drive and NE 19th Street during show hours.

Sunrise Boulevard will be closed to traffic between Bayview Drive and A1A during show hours. Vehicle access to the beach will be limited and can only be made by way of 17th Street Causeway, East Las Olas Boulevard or East Oakland Park Boulevard. No eastbound traffic will be permitted on Sunrise Boulevard east of the Gateway intersection from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be diverted north on US-1 at the Gateway intersection. This will expedite exiting of the beach following the show. All businesses in the areas affected by the traffic

restrictions will be open during their normal business hours throughout the weekend.

Access For Residents and Business Employees

Vehicle passes will be issued to those individuals who live or work within the restricted areas and will allow them through various checkpoints. To obtain vehicle passes, only individuals who reside or work within the restricted area should call (954) 828-6549.

Spectators who choose to drive to the beach during show hours will be limited to the use of 17th Street Causeway, East Las Olas Boulevard and East Oakland Park Boulevard. Parking on the beach will be limited and the parking lots are expected to fill early.

No bicycles, skateboards, kites, tents, or pets will be permitted. Arrangements are being made for continuous park and shuttle ride services. In the weeks leading to the show, traffic advisories will be available. There will be boating advisories indicating safety zones along the stretch of the show. For more information, visit the Air & Sea Show website at www.airseashow.com or call the hotline at (954) 527-5600.

Open Container Ordinance Observed

Open containers will not be permitted on the beach or streets except in designated areas marked specifically for alcohol purchase and consumption. Spectators who do not comply risk possible arrest for non-compliance of a City ordinance.

Buckle Up, Don't Drink & Drive Campaign Combined

An enhanced 2003 traffic safety campaign taking place May 19 - June 1st will conduct enforcement initiatives to encourage safety belt usage and discourage drinking and driving.

Traditionally known as Buckle Up Florida, the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department will join other agencies in combining their efforts with the *You Drink, You Drive, You Lose* cam-

paign. Officers will be on the lookout for adults and children who are not buckled up.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department requests that you not put yourself or your family at needless risk of death, injury or receiving a citation.

While safety belts will continue to be an integral part of the traffic safety focus, there will be a new emphasis on

impaired drivers. Your police department recognizes the serious problem caused by impaired drivers in Florida, and will conduct DUI (Driving Under the Influence) enforcement programs the last week of May.

The program, called *You Drink, You Drive, You Lose*, will be modeled after *Buckle Up Florida*.



Safeguarding Our Community With Domestic Preparedness



The citizens of the City of Fort Lauderdale were deeply affected by the events of September 11, 2001 and the subsequent threat of anthrax contamination and other weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

Public agencies at every level of government have focused on building their capabilities to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks. Immediately following the September 11, 2001 disaster, the City of Fort Lauderdale set out to strategize crisis preparedness plans in the event of a disaster and convened a team of its experts to prepare for any event that could endanger our community in the future.

"We have taken a regional approach to domestic preparedness and have made great strides in a short amount of time," said **Rhoda Mae Kerr**, Deputy Fire Chief of Administration. "It is crystal clear that it is going to require a high degree of coordination and cooperation among agencies to effectively prepare for and respond to terrorism, to ensure public safety, and to prevent injury or loss of life."

How We Started

The Department of Justice has partnered with state and local communities to develop a national program that will enhance the capabilities of emergency response personnel in responding to WMD and other domestic terrorism incidents. As one of the 120 most populous cities in the United States, the City of Fort Lauderdale has been designated as a recipient of two federal domestic preparedness programs. In October 2001, the Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, and the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the City a \$310,000 grant to participate in the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici (NLD) Domestic Preparedness Program (DPP). Grant proceeds are used to develop and conduct domestic preparedness training and purchase equipment. As a result, the City has participated in and conducted a series of meetings and training exercises, and developed strategic plans for the City in partnership with other agencies to assess vulnerabilities, risks, public health capabilities, needs and resources.

The second program, the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) is administered under the direction of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). MMRS plans and prepares organizations to effectively manage the health and human care arising from the terrorist use of a WMD. The planning, training and exercises assist local jurisdictions by coordinating and improving existing public safety, public health and health services. DHHS provides the City with funding up to \$400,000 that can be

appropriated for purchase of pharmaceuticals, personal protective equipment and other supplies that aid in meeting the program mission.

What We Have Done

At this time, the City of Fort Lauderdale has facilitated more than 11,000 hours of WMD training with 668 persons trained. In other developments, the City has also participated in a variety of training and planning sessions with public safety agencies from Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach counties. Training topics and exercises have focused on Hospital Emergency Management, Concepts and Implications of WMD Events, Emergency Response to Terrorism and Law Enforcement Training and Awareness.

Most recently, City public safety personnel participated in "Radiological Nuclear Responder Operations Training" that consisted of a live training exercise held in Nevada. Personnel were placed in a controlled environment that required them to handle and contain a live agent. The Institute of Mining and Technology conducted "Incident Response To Terrorist Bombings" in Socorro, New Mexico. In November, various City officials participated in a week-long "Introduction to Domestic Preparedness Program" that provided a basic understanding of WMD and crisis planning. The month of December offered a one-week program called "WMD: Incident Management/Unified Command" to 75 City executive staff..

"The key to successful crisis management is planning together, training together and implementing the collaborative plans. The City of Fort Lauderdale and its regional partners have begun a committed effort that will need to be maintained into the future to ensure continued success," said Kerr.

What To Expect

An educational component for citizens has been included in the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) curriculum. All components of the NLDDP program are scheduled to be completed by December 2003 and the MMRS program completed around June 2004.

"Thanks to the support, commitment and cooperation of the City Commission and the City Manager, we have covered much ground-work in ensuring that our public safety personnel are equipped to safeguard our community and handle a terrorist attack " said City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Chief **Otis J. Latin**.

www.fortlauderdale.gov **New Web Address Tops List of Enhancements To City Website**



Fort Lauderdale's website has a new look complete with a new URL, new features and enhanced functions to provide easier navigation and better services online. The new online home of the City of Fort Lauderdale websites is:

www.fortlauderdale.gov.

Citizens and visitors have utilized Fort Lauderdale Online since 1995. The website has served as a great source of information for Internet users and as a successful tool in meeting the informational needs of our residents, businesses and visitors. With a new design and greatly enhanced navigation system, here are some new and improved features to explore:

Search the Site for Topics

A new Site Search capability is located on the home page providing viewers with instant and easy access to information and services. By entering a keyword or phrase into a search form, much like you search on the Internet, website visitors will retrieve plenty of links to information within the site.

Secure Online Payment of Parking Tickets

Now you can pay your parking tickets online seven days a week! Simply log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov and click on the Pay Your Parking Ticket Online link located on the homepage under the What's New heading. You can search for your ticket by the number or by the automobile license plate. Tickets are not available for online payments until after 10 a.m. the business day following the day of issuance. Payments accepted are

through Visa or MasterCard with U.S. billing addresses only. This site uses 128-bit encryption, the highest security standard available and does not retain any credit card information. The Online Parking Ticket Payment System is unavailable from 10 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday, for routine system maintenance. For more information, visit online or call the Parking Services Division at **(954) 828-3700**.

Online Contract Search

Now you can view a list of vendors who supply goods and services to the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Contract List located on the Purchasing page of the website, can be searched by contract number, vendor, service or good purchased, expiration date or procurement specialist. The benefit is key for businesses and citizens seeking to do business with the City.

What's Happening This Week?

Another new feature on the homepage is a quick link to City Events highlighted in This Week that will allow citizens to instantly retrieve information about City meetings, events and activities planned for each week.

Other Features & Functions Continue

Other online services previously available on the website have been retained including functions that allow you to schedule building permits, monitor permit status, sign up to receive commission agendas online, seek employment opportunities and the quickly find an index to popular links.

Teen Job Fair Set

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department will host the Sixth Annual Teen Job Fair on Wednesday, April 16. Teens can bring their resumes, show off work and volunteer experience and meet with dozens of local hiring employers between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Mizell Center Library, 1409 N.W. 6th Street (Sistunk Boulevard). For more information or to register, please contact the Teen Scene Hotline at **(954) 828-8944**.

Sign Up To Receive Spring/Summer Catalog Of Events, Activities

Looking for an active, enriching and safe summer camp experience for your child? Or a listing of special events or activities that the whole family can attend? The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of camps to match the fun and needs of children ages 5-15. Camps fill quickly, so don't hesitate to call today! To have a comprehensive guide to the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation programs and activities mailed to your home, please call the "More Out of Life" Hotline: **954-828-6686**.

Gear Up For 2003 Dragon Boats & Buskers Festival

The Fort Lauderdale Inaugural Sun-Sentinel Dragon Boats and Buskers Festival held last February along the New River was such a huge success that next year's event is already set for February 13-14, 2004. So get your teams ready and start working out for a great event next year. The wild and exciting competition along the New River and accompanying activities planned along the Downtown Riverwalk include an authentic Chinese New Year Celebration, concert and fun for everyone. Log on to **www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals/** for details on this year's winners and next year's event.

Around Town

Pan African Bookfest & Cultural Conference, Pan African Jam Set

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation and the Broward County Libraries and Parks and Recreation will host the 2003 Pan African Bookfest and Cultural Conference, Pan African Jam. The event will take place on Saturday, May 3rd from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Rev. Samuel Delevoe Park and the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd. Following an opening ceremony of African libation, drumming and official recognitions, the bookfest will feature national and local publishers, authors, children's activities, book discussions, ethnic art, cultural entertainment and ethnic foods. Don't miss cultural performances, eat at the Culture Cafe and more. For more information, please call (954) 357-7514.

Donate Your Spring Cleaning Throw Aways To Your Honor Guard



Don't let your old items go to waste. Let them benefit the City of Fort Lauderdale Honor Guard. The Honor Guard is hosting a flea market to raise funds for new uniforms, raincoats and equipment and are in need of sellable items. The Honor Guard is now accepting donations for resale at an upcoming flea market weekend. If you have items you'd like to donate to the Honor Guard, please contact Firefighter Karen Komarek at (954) 828-6839 to arrange for a drop off appointment. Items can be dropped off, by appointment only through Wednesday, April 23 or on Thursday, April 24 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The flea market will take place from Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27 at the Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Benevolent Hall at 309 S.W. 26th St. The Hall is located in Fort Lauderdale, just south of State Road 84. The hours for the flea market are as follows:

Friday, April 25 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 26 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 27 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Honor Guard is composed of 23 City of Fort Lauderdale firefighters who participate in various memorial services for the City's fallen firefighters.



Downtown Live!

is Fort Lauderdale's newest after-work hot spot that will keep you out of rush hour on Wednesday nights. Enjoy chart-topping music performed by the hottest local bands, local artist works, movies, sports, dance lessons and a host of other activities from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. along SW 2nd Street between SW 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Area restaurants and bars will feature weekly specials and offer their finest food and hospitality. For more information about Downtown Live, please call the Parks and Recreation Festivals and Events Office at (954) 828-6620 or visit Fort Lauderdale Online (www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals).

Efforts to Replenish City's Tree Canopy Continue In April

City of Fort Lauderdale property owners, whose fruit trees were infected with citrus canker and removed before November 30, 2000, will receive an invitation to a tree-giveaway event. The effort known as "Replant Broward Tree Giveaway" is an initiative lead by the Broward League of Cities and funded by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to help in reestablishing the tree canopy throughout the state.

The next event will be held Saturday, April 19 at Croissant Park, 1800 SW 4th Ave. Approximately 3,000 to 5,000 fruit and shade trees will be available for property owners to choose. Educational booths will provide literature on choosing and planting the right tree. Volunteers are needed.

Invitations and proof of residency within the corporate limits of Fort Lauderdale must be presented in order to receive a free tree between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All other citizens not possessing an invitation may attend between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., with proof of residency. Please call the Broward League of Cities at (954) 436-7579 if you are physically unable to plant your tree. The City of Fort Lauderdale lost 10,280 citrus trees on 3,952 properties due to the epidemic. Citrus canker affects all types of citrus, including oranges, sour oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, lemons and limes. Canker causes the citrus tree to continually decline in health and fruit production. Ultimately, the tree will produce no fruit at all.

For more information, contact **Gene Dempsey**, Urban Forester, at (954) 828-5785 or by email at GeneD@ci.fortlauderdale.fl.us. To receive free online tree training, visit www.browardleague.org.

SunTrust Jazz Brunch

Downtown, Riverwalk and the New River come alive the first Sunday of every month as the SunTrust Jazz Brunch fills the air with all types of Jazz music per-



formed on six stages along the New River from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jazz Brunch is now in its 11th year and is one

of the most popular monthly events in Broward County. Picnic baskets, blankets, chairs and dogs are welcome at the monthly fest. For more information call the SunTrust Jazz Brunch hotline at (954) 828-5985 or visit the City's web site (www.fortlauderdale.gov). Don't miss these upcoming performances:

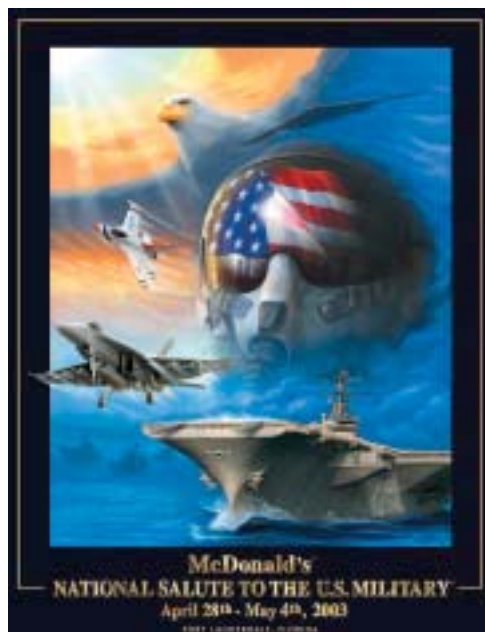
May 4: Dixieland Jazz Theme featuring The Riverside Dixieland Band, Kats n' Jammers, Dixie Dawgs, The Bourbon Street Jazz Band, Frank Hubbell Dixie Quartet

June 1: R & B theme featuring Valerie Tyson, The Ike & Val Woods Band, Nicole Henry Duo, Heart & Soul, Irresistibles Trio.



Kick Up Some Fun At Spring Soccer Camp

The Southwest Fort Lauderdale Spring Micro Soccer league will host 4 vs 4 soccer camp for children ages 4 to 14 from April 22 through June 14. Parents are asked to register their child, boys or girls, for one of five age divisions: 4-5; 6-7; 8-9; 10-11 and 12-14. Divisions fill up quickly for these coed teams, so register early. All games will be played on Saturdays at Croissant Park, 245 W. Park Dr. Practices will take place at Croissant Park on Tuesdays and Sunset Park, on Wednesdays. For more information, call the hotline at (954) 828-1487.



Lauderdale Beach. McDonald's Air & Sea Show is part of A National Salute to the US Military, which starts earlier in the week April 28 with Fleet Week. The Air & Sea Show invites you to keep looking to the skies on Saturday, May 3 at 9 p.m. for a fabulous pyrotechnics display produced by the famous Zambelli Fireworks Company. Dazzling fireworks and smoke Hollywood-style, along with some unannounced surprises! For more information, visit the website at www.nationalsalute.com.

2003 O'Brien Spring & Summer Fun Camp

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Aquatics Complex and Fort Lauderdale Beach will be the home of the 2003 O'Brien Spring Break and Summer Sports Camp, June 17 - August 30.

Under the direction of 2000 U.S. Olympic Coach Tim O'Brien and his staff, these recreational camps will feature a variety of water and beach activities for youth ranging 6 to 15 years of age. Participating campers will be divided into groups based on age and will participate in activities including springboard and platform jumping and diving, snorkeling, volleyball, soccer, flag football, arts and crafts and more. All staff on site are safety certified. Sessions are held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Spring Break Camp will take place April 21-25. The Summer Sport Camp schedule will take place during the following weeks: June 16-20; June 23-27; June 30-July 3 (pro-rated camp week/no camp July 4); July 7-11; July 14-18; July 21-25; July 28-August 1; August 4-8; August 11-15; August 18-22.

Arrangements for early drop-off and late pick-up schedules can be made. Camp fees are \$160 per week, plus a one time \$50 registration fee.

Discounts are available for those who register more than one child in a session or for those who sign up for multiple sessions. To register, please contact Tim O'Brien at (954) 768-0093 or (954) 562-4115.

Campers must be comfortable in water depths that exceed their height. If your child is not comfortable, call the Fort Lauderdale Swim Team offices at (954) 764-4822 to sign up for swim lessons prior to camp.



Note: While we make every effort to include timely information, circumstances occasionally force changes to events listed. Please call the numbers listed prior to attending. Additionally, current events may cause delays in mail delivery of this publication. Should you receive this publication after an event has occurred please accept our apologies.

Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov



Steps To Take Before and After A Flood



Florida's year round tropical climate can offer flood and drought simultaneously. Here are some quick facts to consider:

- * In June and August of 2001, tropical storms Allison and Barry each dropped up to 10 inches of rain across north Florida, causing serious flooding and resulting in one fatality.

- * A tropical disturbance in October 2000 and Hurricane Irene in 1999 each produced 10 to 20 inches of rain in south Florida, resulting in urban flooding and leading to the deaths of 11 people.

- * During this same time period central Florida ground-water levels were near all-time lows, severe water restrictions were in place and Lake Okeechobee reached critically low levels.

Steps To Take Now Before Hurricane Season

If you know that you live in a flood-prone area, taking a little time before hurricane season to prepare can increase your safety and help minimize your losses during a flood. Here are specific steps to take:

- * Learn the safest route from your home or business to high, safe ground. Be aware of low-lying areas that flood early and block your evacuation;

- * Keep the following items on hand: portable radio, flashlights, fresh batteries, containers with clean drinking water, first aid kit, warm clothing, non-perishable foods;

- * Remember that during a flood, electrical power and other utilities may be interrupted. Plan also for your pet's needs;

- * Store valuables in higher areas, such as the second floor;

- * Store hazardous material above the anticipated flood level if possible;

- * Prepare a list of personal property. Photographs or a video of your house, inside and out, can help with insurance claims or uninsured loss tax deductions after a flood;

- * Purchasing flood insurance. Most home insurance policies do not cover flood losses. Check with your insurance agent. That is why it is

important to know that **standard homeowners policies do not cover flood damage. It is also important to know that protection is available.** You can contact your agent for flood insurance.

If your agent does not write flood insurance or you don't have an agent, you may call the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) toll free number to obtain the name of an agent in your area who does write flood insurance. The number is **1-888-FLOOD29** or **TDD# 1-800-427-5593**

Tips To Remember

Keep your radio tuned to a local station for up-to-date weather and flood warning information;

- * Remember that floods are deceptive. Avoid flooded areas and do not try to walk or drive through flood waters or through barricaded areas;

- * Move to the highest place if inside and wait for assistance. Take your radio, flashlights and other emergency supplies. **DO NOT** attempt to swim to safety.

To Access Your Flood Zone Information

The City maintains a floodplain map that can help you identify where your property lies in relation to the City's flood zone boundaries and flood elevation levels. The flood zone map is accessible by visiting the Construction Services Bureau, located at 300 N.W. 1st Ave. The Bureau can also be reached by calling **(954) 828-5203** or **(954) 828-3266**. Property owners can also access the flood zone from the City's website by following these steps:

- 1- log on to **www.fortlauderdale.gov/GIS/create.htm**;

- 2 - select the Create Maps and Queries menu item,

- 3- select the Parcel Information Reporter hyperlink

- 4- enter the property address in the form provided.

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